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1. Three hundred North Korean troops were dispersed from Inchon to Yongjong-do (126-32, 37-30) on 12 September because of the bombing of the Inchon area during the previous 24 hours. On 12 September there were very few regular North Korean troops at Inchon. The garrison consisted mostly of Volunteer Army and security guards (Youth Corps).
2. On 12 September owners of all civilian boats based at Taemuui-do (126-26, 37-23) were ordered to report to Yongjong-do for an assignment to carry rice and other supplies from Inchon up the Han River to Seoul. The route prescribed is from Inchon via the channel between Kanghwa-do (126-26, 37-42) and the mainland, thence via the Han River to Seoul.
3. The main highway from Inchon to Seoul via Sosa (126-46, 37-28) and Yongdungpo (126-54, 37-31) is a two-lane, blacktop road, with a gravel base, in fair condition. The road on Sheet 6526, IV, AMS/Map L-751 marked "under construction in 1945" is nonexistent in the area shown. The road with the same designation on Sheet 6526, I is the main route into Yongdungpo. The road between the curve at 126-46, 37-31 and the junction at Yangchon (126-50, 37-34) is a two-lane gravel road, with a very rough surface, but capable of carrying heavy loads except during the rainy season.
4. The road from Yongdungpo to Kimpo airfield (126-40, 37-38) is a two-lane blacktop road on a gravel base, in fair condition. The road follows a dike top along the Han from 126-53-20, 37-32-50 to 126-54-55, 37-31.

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